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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MEXICO OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES

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1. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA SENT ME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY FERNANDO GUTIERREZ BARRIOS (REFTEL) THIS EVENING. TWO PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES ARE VISITING MEXICO: FAROUK KADDOUMI OF BEIRUT WHOM MEXICANS IDENTIFY AS HEAD OF PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT -- A SORT OF SHADOW FOREIGN MINISTER, NUMBER TWO TO ARAFAT, AND LEADER OF THE PRESENT DELEGATION; AND DR ISARN SALEUR, PLO MISSION CHIEF IN HAVANNA. GOM CONTACT WITH THE TWO (WITH EXCEPTION OF BRIEF GREETING BY ECHEVERRIA, SEE BELOW) WAS THROUGH MEXICAN JOURNALIST CUM INTELLECTUAL AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR HERNANDO PACHECO (REAL NAME ENRIQUE RUIZ GARCIA; PACHECO SPENDS MUCH TIME IN PRESIDENCY, IS APPARENTLY USED FOR THIS SORT OF CONTACT WHERE GOM DOES NOT WANT TO DEAL DIRECTLY). IN FIRST MEETING, PACHECO AT ECHEVERRIA BEHEST CONVEYED TO PLO REPRESENTATIVES MEXICAN VIEW THAT PLO SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY FOR ISRAEL OF DEALING WITH THE PLO AS AN ORGANIZATION HAVING SOME OF ATTRIBUTES OF PSEUDP-STATE BUT ALSO HAVING AURA OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. PACHECO, AGAIN UNDER GOM INSTRUCTION, YESTERDAY SUGGESTED TO PLO REPS THAT PLO SHOULD SOMEHOW SET ITSELF UP MORE ALONG LINES OF STATE, GET RID OF TERRORIST

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ASPECT. (HE DID NOT GO SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST DUMPING ARAFAT

ALTHOUGH THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME IMPLICATION ALONG THOSE LINES.) GENERAL THRUST OF PACHECO SUGGESTIONS WAS THAT PLO JUST ACQUIRE RESPECTABILITY. AT SAME TIME, ECHEVERRIA SENT WORD THROUGH PACHECO THAT HE HAS LIBERAL AND LEFTWING FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT HE COULD PUT PLO REPS IN TOUCH WITH THOSE FRIENDS, AND THAT SUCH CONTACTS MIGHT BE INTERESTING. THE PLO REPS WERE SOMEWHAT UNRESPONSIVE TO THESE OVERTURES INITIALLY; GOM BELIEVES THEY MAY HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH THEIR SDPQWPALS OVERNIGHT.

2. TODAY, PLO REPS MET AGAIN WITH PACHECO AT PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE, LOS PINOS. GUTIERREZ BARRIOS WAS ALSO PRESENT FOR PART OF MEETING. IN TODAY'S MEETING, MEXICANS HAD IMPRESSION THAT PLO REPS WERE WORRIED ABOUT LEBANON DEVELOPMENTS WHICH THEY (PLO) BELIEVE TO HAVE STRENGTHENED SYRIA (AND THUS USSR). PLO REPS SEEMED MORE AMENABLE TO SUGGESTIONS ABOUT NEED FOR RESPECTABILITY AND SHOWED SOME INTEREST IN TALKING TO AMERICANS. THEY DID NOT, HOWEVER, EXPRESS INTEREST IN ECHEVERRIA'S U.S. CONTACTS BUT RATHER INDICATED INTEREST IN TALKING TO US AUGHORITIES; MEXICANS THOUGHT THEY HAD SECRETARY KISSINGER IN MIND, AND WERE THINKING OF SOME DISCREET, UNPUBLICIZED MEETING IN A MONTH OR SO.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S MEETING, ECHEVERRIA HIMSELF CAME IN, GREETED PLO REPRESENTATIVES. HE REPEATED MESSAGES PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED THROUGH PACHECO CONCERNING PLO NEED FOR MORE RESPECTABILITY, EMPHASIS ON STATE ASPECTS, GETTING RID OF TERRORIST IMAGE. HE AGAIN SUGGESTED THEY TALK WITH AMERICANS. HE TOLD THEM THERE WOULD BE NO PEACE IN MID-EAST WITHOUT GIVING PLO REPS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND OR DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH HIM.

4. ECHEVERRIA SENT GUTIERREZ BARRIOS TO PROVIDE ME WITH FOREGOING INFORMATION, AND ASKED THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU. HE RECOGNIZES THAT NOTHING MAY COME OF THIS BUT WANTED YOU TO KNOW, FOR WHATEVER USE YOU MIGHT MAKE OF IT.  
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